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SPECIAL EDITOR'S NOTE: The year 2001 has been an interesting and surprising year for DXers. Let's hope 2002 can be just as great. Anyway, my family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, Teddy [TJ], Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy New Year". Also, we would like thank the many who have contributed information over the year (there are too many to list). REMEMBER, without them there would not be an OPDX Bulletin. I would also thank the many who sent holiday greetings. I tried to answer some, and wish I could answer each one of them individually, but it would take a huge amount of time. You would not believe the amount of E-mail I receive..... Have a Great New Year and GUD DX in 2002 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 23/December, through Sunday, 30/December there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, S2, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YB, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3W, VIETNAM. **3W2EA** and **3W2FM** were active over the past weekend on 15 and 20 meters. On SSB, **3W2EA** was heard on 14212 kHz between 1530 and 1700z. On CW, 3W2FM was heard on 21010 kHz after 0000z.

5N, NIGERIA. Frank, **5N1BHF**, has been active on 12 meters (around 24940 kHz) as early as 1000z and sometimes as late as 1615z. When not on 12 meters he can also be found on 20 meters (14195 kHz) after 0500z. QSL via OE6LAG. **5N0NHD** has also been active on 12 meters (24899 kHz) after 0700. QSL via JH8BKL.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Solofo/**5R8ET** and Albert/**5R8GZ** have both been active on 12 meters. Look for Solofo on 24947 kHz SSB after 1600z. QSL via K1WY. Watch for Albert on 24902 kHz CW or on 24966 kHz SSB between 1215 and 1530z. QSL via G3SWH.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Huraiz, **A61AU**, has been very active on 20 meters SSB (above 14200 kHz) usually after 0400z. He was also heard this past weekend with a huge pile-up on 28500 kHz after 1300z. QSL via direct to: Huraiz Al Maktoum, P.O. Box 270, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

C6, BAHAMAS. John, WZ8D, will be active as **C6AIE** from **Abaco** (**NA-080**), **January 1-10th**. His main focus for this trip will be to work as many F2 contacts as possible on 6 meters during day time, and he will also put a lot of effort in making WSJT contacts on 2 meters (144.140 MHz) in the evenings. However, if 6 meters is not open, John will spend some time on 40-10 meters CW, with some SSB. QSL via home call.

CORRECTIONS TO OPDX.541 AND OPDX.542 (Let's try this again! Third time is a charm). Please note in last week's bulletin under "CORRECTIONS" and the Web site listed under "5U, NIGER (Update)" in OPDX.541 was incorrect. The Web site's URL address should have been: http://www.qsl.net/niger-2002/

FR5, REUNION ISLAND. Roland, **FR5AB**, has been active this past week on 10 meters PSK31 and SSTV. For PSK31, watch 28120 kHz after 1030z. For SSTV, watch around 28677 kHz after 1100z. He is also active on RTTY on 20 meters after 0230z. Joseph, **FR5HA**, has also been active on PSK31, but on 20 meters (14071 kHz) after 1630z and again after 0245z.

HL17, SOUTH KOREA. Lee, DS1BHE, informs OPDX that the Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL) will operate a special event station with the callsign **HL17FWC** which celebrates the **17th FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan**, and will be active from **January 1st through May 30th** (Just before games start). Also, KARL will operate **DT#FWC** (# -- 0 through 9), which celebrates the ten hosting cities in Korea and will be active from **May 31st through June 30th** (until the final match). QSL Manager is HL0HQ: KOREAN AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE, CPO Box 162, Seoul, KOREA. ADDED NOTE: All the Korean Hams will change their callsign during the game period (May 31st-June 30th) as the following:

- **HL1ABC** ---> HL17ABC
- **DS1ABC** ---> DS17ABC/1 (Because they have five DS#ABC)
- **6K2ABC** ---> 6K17ABC/2

DS0AB, 6K0AB, 6L0AB, 6M0AB, D70AB, D80AB .. Club station will change their 0 (zeros) to 17 (but no need to use " / "). The KARL is planning to make a special AWARD for this event. Details will be forthcoming.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-079**. Takeshi "Take", JI3DST, will be active from Miyako Island (Miyako-jima Hirara-city Okinawa-ken) as **JI3DST/6** now **through January 5th**. Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB. QSL via the Bureau (Bureau is best) or direct to: Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-Cho Abeno-Ku, Osaka-City, Osaka 545-0021, JAPAN.
- **EU-153**. Alexander, RX3AJL, will be active from **Mudjugsky Island** (RR-02-05) as **RX3AJL/1** from **January 3-5th**. His activity will be mainly on 20 meters SSB, with some possible operation on 40 and 80 meters. QSL via home call.
- **OC-136**. Tony, VK3TZ, will be active sporadically from the **Phillip Island** now **through January 26th**. His antennas will be either verticals or wire dipoles and the rig will only be a TS-50s. He will try to be active on the usual IOTA frequencies on 10, 15 and 20 meters, and also he will try to check into the ANZA net on 14183 at 0530z. Tony mentions, "As Phillip Island has weak TV reception from the main Melbourne TV stations the TVI is often a very big problem and this may limit operations. I may need to operate from the car in a remote spot to avoid this." QSL for this operation only via the CBA.

JD/O, OGASAWARA. A station signing **JE1PIO/JD1** was heard this past weekend on 40 meters CW (7010 kHz) around 1120z. There are no other details to report. If someone else has more details on this operator please send it to OPDX and we will publish it.

KH2, GUAM. Tetus/JF2UED and Mack/JJ2QXI will be active from here between **January 3rd and 5th**. They are planning to operate on 160-6 meters, including the WARC bands, on SSB/CW/RTTY. Mack informs OPDX that he knows KH2 is not so rare of an entity, but they would like to take as much time as possible to be on the air based on QSO requests. For any SKED or comments, please write to Mack via E-mail at: mori@shotoku.ac.jp QSLs should go to their home callsigns.

LIGHTHOUSE ACTIVITY.....

- **USA-592**. Look for the "Five Flags Amateur Radio Association" to activate the **Pensacola, Florida**, lighthouse on **January 1st**, as a special event, using the callsign W4UC. The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS) says its research indicates that no Amateur Radio operations have ever been conducted from the Pensacola lighthouse which will mark its 143rd anniversary on New Year's Day. The Coast Guard and U.S. Navy restored the lighthouse and keeper's quarters in 1994. The special event station will operate from January 1st, 1400-1800z on 20 and 15 meters. Operation on 40 meters also is possible. Stations contacting W4UC at the lighthouse may receive a W4UC special event QSL card and a Pensacola Lighthouse history brochure in return for a self-addressed, stamped envelope to KC7DCW.

OA, PERU. Ghis, **OA/ON4CD**, informs OPDX that he has been in Belgium for a two week break, but he will return to Peru on **January 4th for a one month** stay. He states that he has made more than 3000 QSOs from Peru, mainly on CW during his free time. His equipment there is a FT-100D (barefoot) with an ATAS mobile vertical antenna hooked on the roof. He is expected to be active on 80 meters with a dipole. He advises the ham community to be patient for the QSLs; they will be printed after he returns to Europe (February 2002).

P5, NORTH KOREA (Great News). Toma, YU1AB, informs OPDX that Hrane/YT1AD and Voja/YU7AV have returned from P5-land (December 26th). He also reports that they have

received a license to operate from P5, together with two other operators starting **March 5th, 2002**. In return, Hrane and Voja will instruct future Korean ham radio operators (a minimum of 20 novice operators). Their callsigns are not known. More details are forthcoming.

PJ2, CURACAO. Look for Martin, NW0L, to be active from **January 2-9th**. He plans to operate in the **ARRL RTTY Roundup** (**January 5-6th**), as a Single Op, High Power, category, as **PJ2T**. He will be active before and after the contest using the callsign **PJ2/NW0L**. QSL PJ2/NW0L via NW0L. QSL PJ2T via KN7Y.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Rob, PA5ET, reports that all direct QSLs for the "**Caribbean Tour 2001 J3/J8**" have now been mailed. He had difficulty getting stamps from the Post Office for cards being sent outside of Europe since they were preparing for the new Euro stamps. However, European cards have been mailed some weeks ago. The cards for outside of Europe, most of them are from USA and JA, can be expected as of next week as a New Year's gift.
- Douwe, PA1MR, reports that he has been receiving QSLs for **PJ4M**, who was active in the **CQWW Contest**, for which he is NOT the QSL Manager. OPDX did a search for PJ4M and could not find any QSN reports or QSL route for this station. We feel that this may have been a busted callsign, and it should have been PJ2M (QSL via KD4D).
- Keith, K0KG, reports that he is the QSL Manager for Vlad, **UA6JD**. He will be setting up a log transfer via E-mail and will print cards in the new year.
- Nenad, VE3EXY, informs OPDX that someone has posted him as QSL Manager for **VC7GM**, which he is **NOT**. However, he is the only RAC QSL Bureau Manager. Nenad has contacted the VC7GM operator and has worked out the following deal:
    - Cards sent to VE3EXY will be sent directly to Mapple Ridge ARC, who will process them.
    - Cards should be sent either via the bureau, or via CBA (Maple Ridge ARC: P.O. Box 292, Maple Ridge B.C. V2X 7G2, CANADA)
    - Any direct QSLs that VE3EXY receives in the future direct, he will forward to VE7 QSL bureau.
- QSL **XF3IC** via XE3OYJ: Jose Angel Yanez, Apartado Postal 1883, Cancun, Quintana Roo 77500, Mexico. This was activity from Holbox Island (NA-045) by Cancun radio club. For more info, check their Web site at: http//www.qsl.net/xf3ic/holbox.htm
- Logs for **VG3RJ** are now available on-line at: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/search_va3rj.html Mirror site at: http://webhome.idirect.com/~va3rj/search_va3rj.html QSL route for VG3RJ is via VA3RJ direct to CBA or Bureau.
- OPDX has been informed that QSLs for **ZA1M** "DO NOT" go to IK2HTW. This is according to what ZA1M said. QSL direct only.

SLIM ALERT. Raul, LU6EF, informs OPDX that he has been in touch with Guillermo, LU5DG, and the station operating as **VP8/LU5DG** in mid-December was a SLIM. Guillermo requests for the DX community to PLEASE do not send QSL cards for this operation.

TI, COSTA RICA. Look for Bob/AA1M and Mike/W1USN to be operating from here **February 4-11th**. Their callsigns were not provided or bands/modes of activity. QSL to CBA or via bureau.

TI9, COCOS ISLAND (Update). Bill, AK0A, reports that there has been a QSL Manager change for the **TI9M DXpedition** to Cocos Island scheduled for **February 17th through March 4th**. The QSL Manager now is AK0A, Bill Boeckenhaupt, 8904 Westbrooke Dv, Overland Park, KS 66212 (SASE is requested. If no SASE, cards will be answered via the Bureau twice a year). Contributions are accepted to help cover the cost of the DXpedition. Also, Rob, PA5ET, reports that they now have a new Web site on-line containing lots of up-to-date information about the upcoming TI9 DXpedition. The URL address is: http://www.qsl.net/ti9m/

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update). Adam, VK4CP (VK9ML Pilot/Webmaster), reports that the **VK9ML** team is interested in comments regarding whether they should run either PSK-31, RTTY, or neither during their DXpedition to Mellish Reef in April 2002. RTTY and PSK-31 both have pros and cons, and they are simply asking which mode you would prefer them to operate on. If neither is desirable, then, of course, they can spend more time concentrating on CW and SSB operation. Let them know your thoughts in the Poll they are conducting. Visit their Web site and let them know at: http://www.qsl.net/vk9ml/2002/

XU, CAMBODIA. Claude, **XU7ABN**, was a catch on RTTY this past week. He was active on 15 meters around 0830z and 20 meters around 1945z.

ZL1AMO HONORED. When Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, returned home from Fuji, he had a package waiting for him from the Northern Ohio DX Association (NODXA). After Ron's announcement that he was retiring from traveling to rare and interesting place for DXpeditions, NODXA sent him a "Lifetime Achievement Award" plaque to show their appreciation. The NODXA group never forgot Ron's special visit to a NODXA meeting many years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, where he put on a slide presentation of his participation in the "1984 Scientific and Amateur Radio Expedition to the Kermadec Islands". Congratulations Ron, and thank you for all the new ones you gave all of us to put in our logs.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND. Look for the Hamilton Amateur Radio Club to be active using the callsign **ZL6JAM** during and after the "**16th New Zealand Scout Jamboree**" at **Mystery Creek Hamilton** now **through January 6th**. The station will be active from this site from 2000-0500z during this period, and outside these hours if possible. As this station is being set up for Scouts (both boys and girls aged 11 to 16), these kids would love to talk to kids around their own age, as well as Hams from around the world. The frequencies planned are: 3593, 3677, 7075 and 14260 kHz. They will be as near as possible to those frequencies. The 15 and 10 meter bands will be used depending on conditions. A special QSL card is being printed for the Jamboree. QSL details are direct with 1 IRC or 1 USD with a SAE to: ZL6JAM, P O Box 606, Hamilton, New Zealand.


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